— Market Surveys;
— India Tech Exhibitions;
— Exchange of trade delegations;
— Image awareness programmes.

(c) The export promotion measures undertaken have helped in stepping up our engineering goods exports to reach the level of US$ 7750.55 Million in the year 2002-03 registering a growth rate of 33.82% over the exports in the year 2001 -02, and 36.62% growth over the exports during the year 2000-01.

(d) In addition to the export promotional measures mentioned in part (c) above, EEPC has identified the following strategy for the remaining years of the Tenth Plan.

— Brand image promotion in selected markets for identified products sectors;

— Emphasis towards promotion of exports from the Joint Ventures already established in India;

— Interaction with the stake holders to create export awareness and involvement of local manufacturers in export ventures.

Anti-Dumping Cases Against China

1262. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed a bilateral agreement with China for review of anti-dumping policies on annual basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have imposed high number of anti-dumping cases against Chinese products in the past few years; and

(d) if so, to what extent the fresh agreement with China is going to resolve anti-dumping cases between both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However a proposal to set up a discussion mechanism between

the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD), Ministry of Commerce & Industry of the Republic of India, and Bureau of Fair Trade for Imports & Exports of the Ministry of Commerce of PR China has been received. The proposal envisages holding discussions for promoting exchanges and cooperation in the area of trade remedy particularly anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures.

(c) Since 1992, the Directorate General of Anti Dumping & Allied Duties has initiated 166 cases. Out of these 166 cases, Chinese exporters are involved in 70 cases.

(d) The proposed discussion meachanism between the DGAD and Ministry of Commerce of PR China will not affect the anti-dumping cases. The proposal is to have discussions and exchange of technical information of the parties' respective ways of carrying out investigations and applying rules concerning trade defence instruments. The Authorities may draw upon individual cases that have been concluded but will not interfere with the legally established procedural and substantive framework or operation of ongoing investigations.

Outbreak of pestilence in Karnataka

1263. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coffee planters are uprooting the coffee bushes in Chikmagalur district of Karnataka due to outbreak of pestilence in the form of white stem borer;

(b) whether Government have any plan to help the coffee growers to improve their coffee production;

(c) the state of affairs of tea, rubber and spices in the country; and

(d) whether there are any contingent plans/projects in place to help tide over the financial crisis faced by these growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Adverse weather conditions have led to an incidence of white stem borer affecting the arabica growing regions of Karnataka, especially Lower Giris of Chikmagalur district. As stem borer kills the plants, the borer affected